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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to inform you that I believe that the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice regarding the antitrust suit will be a benefit to the IT industry as a whole. The suit has delayed the progress of the technology sector, while along also slowing down the economy. The politicians that carry on litigation against Microsoft have continued to dig further and further into taxpayers' pockets to fund their personal crusade. This must be stopped.

Microsoft has agreed to not retaliate against any OEMs that may ship software that competes with the Windows OS. Microsoft has also agreed to the establishment of a three person "Technical Committee" that will monitor its compliance to the agreement.

It is time to put this suit behind us. We cannot go on depleting public resources for an issue that has come to a conclusion. All that remains now is that you make certain that the settlement is finalized, and Microsoft is allowed to return to doing what it does best: innovate.

Dinah Horner

President